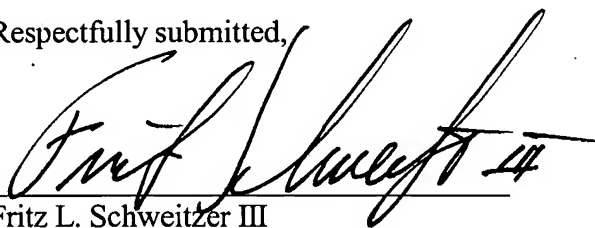


REMARKS

The application has been amended as suggested by the Examiner in the last Office Action. Namely, reference to U.S. Patent 5,048,409 has been corrected on page 3, line 3; and claim 1 has been amended at line 20 to include --and-- after "surface".

In light of the foregoing, the applicant respectfully requests that all pending claims be allowed.

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